

Application No. 10/002,589
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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listing of claims in the application:

1. (Amended) An elongated unitary multi-purpose strap for securing to discrete bodies by means of a pair of loops at one end of said strap and for supporting said bodies from an end remote from said one end to enable dragging or suspending said bodies from said remote end, said strap comprising flexible flat belting material having a plurality of loops extending outwardly from a central area of said strap at which said loops are firmly secured to each other by attaching means, said plurality of loops comprising a pair of first body-securing loops of essentially equal length separably extending outwardly in a first direction from said central area, and at least one second supporting loop extending outwardly from said central area in a direction opposite to said pair of first loops.
7. (Amended) A multi-purpose strap according to claim 4 wherein said first continuous strap is of a color different than said second continuous strap.
10. (Amended) A multi-purpose strap according to claim 1 wherein said strap comprises a single length of flat belting which has been folded over at a midway point onto itself into two equal half-length sections, wherein both of said sections have been tucked inwardly and directed in equal amounts toward but not reaching said folded-over midway point, and wherein the inwardly tucked ends and adjacent portions of said belting have been stitched together to form said central area, said at least one second loop comprising a single loop extending between the central stitched area and said folded-over midway point.

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16. (Amended) A multi-purpose strap according to claim 1 wherein the total extended

length of said unitary strap between its ends is between twenty and thirty-six inches
when said multi-purpose strap is extended in elongated form.

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A strap with loops extending outwardly from a central area at which they are secured, comprising a pair of body-securing loops extending in one direction and at least one loop extending in the opposite direction.

Claim 2 (original): The strap of claim 1 wherein said at least one loop comprises a pair of loops of essentially equal length.

Claim 3 (canceled)

Claim 4 (original): The strap of claim 2 directed to the species of Figs. 1 and 5.

Claims 5-6 (canceled)

Claim 7 (currently amended): The strap of claim 4 wherein said two continuous straps are of different colors.

Claim 8 (original): The strap of claim 2 directed to the species of Fig. 4.

Claim 9 (original): The strap of claim 8 wherein the loops are of different lengths.

Claim 10 (currently amended): The strap of claim 1 directed to the species of Fig. 6.

Claim 11 (original): The strap of claim 10 wherein the loops are of different lengths.

Claim 12 (original): The strap of claim 1 wherein the first and second loops have a length ratio on the order of between 2:1 and 6:1.

Claims 13-15 (canceled)

Claim 16 (currently amended): The strap of claim 1 wherein the strap is between twenty and thirty-six inches in length when extended.

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Claim 17 (canceled)

Claim 18 (original): The strap of claim 1 directed to the species of Fig. 5.

Claims 19-20 (canceled)